

I am writing to fully support the adoption of Paragraph B (new) of Section 384.21 of the proposed Air Carriers Access Act regulations, mandating the accessibility of web sites utilized by carriers and groups of carriers to provide consumer information to the public. As a blind individual who gets most of his information on various matters of interest through the web, it is critical to me that pricing, scheduling, sales information, in short, all important dynamic information provided by carriers via the web should be as accessible to me as it is to anyone else. Given the current high state of sophistication of screen readers, which read web sites aloud to the blind, it is now completely reasonable to expect that carriers and their representatives can construct fully accessible web sites without in any way sacrificing functionality or look and feel. Given this current ease of accessible design, I encourage the Agency, in its capacity as regulator, to adopt this paragraph fully. In doing so, you will be adding to the quality of life of blind and disabled individuals everywhere, who rely on the web to provide them with salient life-enhancing information. For blind people, the addition of paragraph B is a great boon and will truly enhance our lives. Thank you for considering these comments.

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